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TAGS: PFOR, MAAS, BC, US, UK

SUBJECT: BOTSWANA PURCHASE OF AR-18 RIFLES

REF: A) GABORONE 1285, B. STATE 168666, C. STATE 165674

1. DAVID MOPHUTING, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND HEAD OF SPECIAL BRANCH, TOLD EMBOFF DURING RECENT CONVERSATION THAT GOB HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AR-18 RIFLES. GIVEN UNCERTAIN REGIONAL SECURITY SITUATION, MOPHUTING MOST DISTURBED ABOUT THIS. HE SAID THAT GOB "SECURITY PEOPLE" (READ MOPHUTING) ADVISE POLICYMAKERS NOT TO ACCEPT ARMS AID FROM COMMUNIST NATIONS. HOWEVER, HE COMPLAINED, BOTSWANA'S ALLIES UNDERCUT THIS POSITION BY NOT PROVIDING REQUIRED ASSISTANCE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. IN OCT. 27 CONVERSATION WITH IAN KHAMA, CHARGE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THIS INFORMATION. KHAMA, WHO IS PRESIDENT'S SON AND HIGH OFFICIAL IN POLICE, SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW, THE DELAY WAS DUE TO STERLING ARMS' NEED TO OBTAIN EXPORT PERMIT FROM STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL. HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF C, I.E., THAT PERMIT HAS IN FACT BEEN ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE. DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFO LONDON ON REPLY.

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EM FOR LONDON: IF DEPARTMENT'S REPLY IS AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST

YOU CHECK WITH STERLING ARMS TO DETERMINE IF OR WHEN THE AR-18S
WERE DISPATCHED TO BOTSWANA.
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